Transitions or connectives are words or phrases that act as a bridge between ideas. We use these transitions to connect words, clauses, sentences or paragraphs.

Showing Logical Relationships:

* **To introduce another item in a series:** first, second; in the second place; for one thing…, for another; next; then; furthermore; moreover; in addition; finally; last; also; similarly; besides; as well as
* **To introduce an illustration or other specification:** in particular; specifically; for instance; for example; that is; namely; in fact; such as; to illustrate
* **To introduce a result or a cause:** consequently; as a result; hence; accordingly; thus; so; therefore; then; because; since; for; for this reason; as a consequence of;
* **To introduce a restatement:** that is; in other words; in simpler terms; to put it differently; to repeat; once again
* **To introduce a conclusion or a summary:** in conclusion; finally; all in all; evidently; clearly; actually; to sum up; altogether; of course; on the whole; in short; in brief; therefore
* **To introduce an opposing point or contrast:** but; however; yet; nevertheless; on the contrary; on the other hand; in contrast; still; neither; nor; although; even though; conversely; despite; despite the fact that; regardless
* **To introduce a similar point or comparison:** likewise; similarly; also; too; again; in the same manner; in comparison; equally
* **To introduce a concession to an opposing view:** certainly; naturally; of course; it is true; to be sure; granted; it may be the case that; it is true that; though
* **To resume the original line of reasoning after a concession:** nonetheless; all the same; even though; still; nevertheless

Showing Temporal Relationships:

* **To indicate frequency:** frequently; hourly; often; occasionally; now and then; day after day; every so often; again and again
* **To indicate duration:** during; briefly; for a long time; minute by minute; while
* **To indicate a particular time:** now; then; at that time; in those days; last Sunday; next Christmas; in 2003; at the beginning of August; at six o’clock; first thing in the morning; two months ago; when
* **To indicate the beginning:** at first; in the beginning; since; before then
* **To indicate the middle:** in the meantime; meanwhile; as it was happening; at that moment; at the same time; simultaneously; next; then
* **To indicate the end and beyond:** eventually; finally; at last; in the end; subsequently; later; afterward